

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE DENT
FAMILY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated family that has been servicing the cars of residents in the Pueblo, Colorado community for many years. James Dent and his sons Dan, Josh and Roland Dent along with brother-in-law Dave Humphries, have devoted their time to providing a valuable customer service. I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing their generosity and long-standing commitment before this body of Congress.

For over fifty years, the Dent Brothers service station at the corner of Abriendo Avenue and Lincoln Street in Pueblo have given their customers a true full service visit, including cleaning the windows, checking the oil and tires—not to mention pumping the gas. The dedication and warmth of the Dent Family has kept generations of loyal customers coming back to their station. The Dent family has devoted over fifty years of long hours at the station despite inclement weather conditions and the occasional customer mishap or prank. The immense amount of devotion that goes into the family business has helped to send all twelve children through Catholic schools with the money earned from the store.

Mr. Speaker it is an honor to recognize the Dent Family for their many years of dedication and commitment to their community. They are lucky to inherit and pass along such a wonderful business to future family members. The Dent family is a wonderful part of the Pueblo community, and they serve as an example of hard work to inspire future generations. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors and I thank them for their service.

RECOGNIZING THE MONTGOMERY
COUNTY-NORRISTOWN PUBLIC
LIBRARY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library on its 210th anniversary.

The Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library was founded in 1793 as the "Norristown Library Company" by 90 families residing in Lower Merion, Norriton, Plymouth, Providence, Whitemarsh, Whitpain, and Worcester Townships in Pennsylvania. The Library was formally incorporated in 1796. One of the signers of the Library's new charter was Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Thomas McKean, who was one of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The first library building was constructed in 1824 on land given by the Pawling family members, who were among the Library's founders. The cost of construction was \$153.43.

From 1898 through 1937, the Royersford Free Public Library, the Conshohocken Free

Public Library, the Schwenksville Library, and the McCann Library were founded and all went on to eventually become branches of the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library.

In 1942, the Library officially changed its name to the Norristown Public Library with the financial backing of the Norristown Borough Council. The name was changed again in 1968 when it merged with the Montgomery County Free Library. The Library was then given its present title of the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library.

In addition to the Library's impressive growth throughout the years, the Library has a history of contribution to the community. The Library established the Backyard Library Van program, along with launching programs like the "Mini-Bookmobile" for senior citizens, and "Books-Go-Round," a bookmobile for children in day care.

In 2001, the "Books and Me" program began at the Library under a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library for its exemplary service to the Montgomery County community and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLO-
NEL (RETIRED) CONSUELO
CASTILLO KICKBUSCH

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2004

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch for her efforts to motivate and encourage youth across the country. I am especially proud of her work with the U.S. Army's Yo Soy El Army Tour.

Born and raised in Laredo, Texas, LTC Kickbusch overcame the challenges of poverty to become the highest-ranking Hispanic woman in the Combat Support Field of the United States Army. LTC Kickbusch earned many decorations during her service, including the Legion of Merit, the National Defense Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four times), and the Army Achievement Medal (twice).

In 1996, LTC Kickbusch retired from the U.S. Army after 22 years of service. She moved to San Antonio and founded Educational Achievement Services, Inc. (EAS). Through EAS, LTC Kickbusch has realized her dream of impacting others and serves as a motivational speaker to audiences ranging from corporations like IBM to children living in some of the roughest neighborhoods in the country.

LTC Kickbusch encourages all of her audiences to perform to the best of their abilities, give back to their families and communities, and to never give up hope. LTC Kickbusch also promotes among her corporate clients the value diversity brings to the workplace.

Her ability to connect to audiences and deliver these important messages has earned LTC Kickbusch numerous awards, such as the

Latina Leadership Excellence Award from the US Army and Hispanic Magazine and the 2002 Women at their Best Award from Saturn and Glamour. Recently, Hispanic Business named LTC Kickbusch in their list of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in America.

For the past three years, LTC Kickbusch has traveled the country speaking to youth through the Yo Soy El Army National Motivational Youth Tour. This program reaches out to Hispanic youth who face many of the challenges encountered by LTC Kickbusch growing up in Laredo. LTC Kickbusch offers them a positive role model who can identify with the everyday struggles these young people face. She offers a message that promotes leadership, determination, and integrity.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent such a hard-working, dedicated individual as LTC Kickbusch. The immeasurable impact she has made on our nation's youth deserves the highest praise.

TRIBUTE TO CIRCUIT JUDGE
ROBERT J. SIMMS

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Circuit Judge Robert J. Simms, a dedicated public servant, whose sudden death has left his Hillsborough County colleagues and our entire community in shock and mourning.

Judge Simms presided over a host of high-profile civil, criminal and family law cases during his time on the bench, but whether the cases were closely watched or obscure, Judge Simms always strived to do his best and skillfully upheld the highest standards of justice.

A University of South Florida and Stetson College of Law graduate, Judge Simms worked as a prosecutor for the Pinellas-Pasco and Hillsborough State Attorney offices, then as a criminal defense lawyer before being elected in 1990. He had been reelected to the bench in 2002.

Judge Simms served both on the Judicial Liaison Committee for the Hillsborough County Bar Association and as an adjunct professor for the paralegal program at Hillsborough Community College. However, Judge Simms' colleagues will remember him best for his patient, unassuming and kind demeanor on and off the bench. He was a judge's judge and a powerful example to all who knew him.

On behalf of the Hillsborough County community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Judge Simms' family. His dedication to service and justice will leave a lasting impression on our community and those who strive to serve justice as well as he did.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JACK OTT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

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Thursday, April 22, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated forester and Korean War veteran from